

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-18, and 20-23 are pending. Independent claims 1, 8, and 21 have been amended. Dependent claims 7, 19, and 24 have been canceled.

The indication that claims 7, 19, and 24 would be allowed if suitably amended is gratefully acknowledged. Claim 1, which is the base claim of claim 7, has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 7. Claim 8, which is the base claim of claim 19, has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 19. Claim 21, which is the base claim of claim 24, has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 24. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 8, and 21 and their dependent claims are now allowable.

The rejections of various one of the claims set forth in the Action have been obviated by the amendments of claims 1, 8, and 21.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of same is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney may be telephoned at the number given below.

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